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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Cancer Gene Therapy Based on Translational Control of a Suicide Gene," for which a patent application was filed on July 26, 2001, serial number 09/_____. (Attorney file no. 00S08 DeBenedetti).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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